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BLAST FROM THE PAST



FILE PHOTO|THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Lead singer Kevin Cronin plays his guitar during the 2007 Family Weekend REO Speedwagon Concert Oct. 7, 2007 in Lantz Arena. REO Speedwagon will be performing for the 2012 Family Weekend at 8 p.m. on Saturday in Lantz Arena.

REO to return to campus

3,000 people set to attend sold out concert

By Samantha McDaniel
Daily Editor

REO Speedwagon, a '70s rock band from Champaign, will return for its second Family Weekend concert on Saturday.

The hour-and-a-half concert will take place at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Lantz Arena.

Neal Doughty, one of the founders and the keyboardist for the group, said the group is excited to be coming back.

The five band members are Kevin Cronin, lead vocals; Dave Amato, lead guitar; Bruce Hall, bass guitar; Doughty; and Bryan Hitt, drums.

"It's all in the area we started in, and we played at Eastern a lot," Doughty said. "We got our start playing colleges."

Doughty said they got their start by playing in bars on the weekends in college before getting a bigger fan base and turning it into their career.

Doughty said he is happy to be performing for Family Weekend because it is a big event in Charleston.

"We couldn't even get a hotel in Charleston, so you have a big event going on there," Doughty said. "We always like being a part of a big college event like that."

Ceci Brinker, the director of the Student Life, said they chose this band because their music is relatable.

"They are one of the premier bands

"Their music connects with people from all backgrounds."

Ceci Brinker, the director of Student Life

of their era of music," Brinker said. "Their music connects with people from all backgrounds."

Doughty said they will perform some of their biggest hits from all of their albums, but he also said they will play some of their less popular songs.

"It's basically trial and error over the year," Doughty said. "We know what songs people want to hear, and I think we got the set about right now."

Brinker said the concert will be one where the audience will not sit still.

"It'll be a show that'll have them up standing and dancing," she said.

REO Speedwagon performed at Eastern on Oct. 6, 2007, in Lantz for Family Weekend.

Doughty said they are honored Eastern asked them back for a second time in five years.

"It's flattering to be invited back so quickly because usually you'll play some city and then you just don't see again for a few years," Doughty said. "It takes a while for the interest to build back up."

Brinker said the group will be performing for about 3,000 people, and the tickets are sold out.

"They know how to pack a house and how to have a good time with people, and people feed off their energy," Brinker said.

Brinker said both young and old

people have told her they are excited about the concert.

"This band has been around quite a while but the enthusiasm and love for their music doesn't get old," Brinker said.

Doughty said he hopes to see people from all demographics.

"We are one of the lucky groups that our music is still popular with younger generations so that way we can still go out and do this," Doughty said.

Brinker said one reason people like REO Speedwagon is because of their stage presence.

"This band will bring a lot of energy," Brinker said. "They will make this a fun time."

The doors will open at 7 p.m.

Doughty said they have heard audiences sing louder than them.

"They will know every song, and I bet they will leave with no voice left," Doughty said.

He said they make their concerts lively.

"We will use all of our energy—and we still have plenty of it—and we are turning the whole thing into a sing-a-long because they'll know our songs," Doughty said. "It'll be a party."

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ADMINISTRATION

Perry reaffirms university mission

Staff Report

Students and employees received an email from President Bill Perry reaffirming the university's mission statement early Wednesday.

Perry also said Eastern will continually be committed to diversi-

ty, free speech and work to enforce both.

Perry directed those in the Eastern community who feel they have been harassed, discriminated against, had their constitutional or civil rights violated to contact the Office of Civil Rights and Diversity.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State Rep. Chapin Rose to teach EIU 1111 class

By Amy Wywialowski
Assistant Daily Editor

State Rep. Chapin Rose will visit Eastern on Thursday to talk to students about legislation that pertains to them.

He will be talking about careers in politics and will teach an EIU Foundations class about how Illinois government works.

The event is sponsored by Eastern's chapter of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, TRiO Student Support Services and the Eastern Student Student-Parent Association.

The event will take place at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and is open strictly to students, with emphasis on students in the sponsoring groups and members of the Student Senate.

Rose said the reason the talk is limited to the particular groups is because it is not a town hall meeting and has no political affiliation.

"I was happy to do it, but we wanted to stress that it is only open to these specific groups so we don't get too many people," Rose said. "TRiO sponsored it, and I want to make sure I can answer all the questions the group's members have."

Maggie Burkhead, the director of TRiO, is an adviser for Eastern's Chapter of NAACP and the Eastern Student Student-Parent Association.

She also teaches an EIU Foundations class.

Burkhead said prior to the student discussion, Rose will address her class.

She said she originally invited him to her class because she feels many of her students do not know a lot about state government, but the event got much larger as the day got closer.

"It kind of blew up and got a lot bigger than what we started with," Burkhead said. "We decided to have the second discussion so that his time there is more than just 50



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minutes of talking to one class."

Rachael Sapp, a junior history major, is a peer leader who assists Burkhead in teaching the EIU Foundations class.

Sapp said she is looking forward to hear Chapin speak.

While she was in high school, Sapp said she heard him speak a number of times.

"I went to Tuscola High School and heard him speak at a number of Rotary events," Sapp said.

Rose said the focus of his talk will be on issues in state government that directly affect students, particularly the Monetary Award Program grant as well as what kind of political jobs exist and how to get involved.

"I am one of those people who got their start in politics in college," he said.

Although this is not a campaign event for Rose, it will be his last visit to Eastern as the community's state representative, because the district boundaries will change Jan. 1, 2013.

He said he sees the talks as way to give back to the school that has given him so much. Rose grew up in Charleston, and his mother attended Eastern.

"I've given these talks almost every year for about the past 10 years, and hopefully they will continue to invite me back even after the redistricting," Rose said.

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ONLINE

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BLOTTER

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Finding money in all the right places



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Jessica McDonald, a graduate student, talks to other students about her experience studying abroad during Wednesday's "Find the Money" event in Coleman Hall.

ENVIRONMENT

Recycling program increases dramatically since creation

By Robyn Dexter
In-depth Editor

Eastern's recycling program has increased dramatically over the past few years, and the weight of recycled substances has doubled in the last year.

With the construction of the Renewable Energy Center and the demolition of the old steam plant, the Office of Energy and Sustainability was able to increase the amount Eastern recycles.

Ryan Siegel, the campus energy and sustainability coordinator, said Eastern has been pushing to recycle as much material as possible.

Siegel said the physical weights of recycling have increased, with Fiscal Year 2012 weighing in at more than 3 million pounds.

In FY 2011, Eastern recycled nearly 1.5 million pounds.

Siegel attributes this doubling of recycled items to the recycling from the Renewable Energy Center and the deconstruction of the old steam plant.

The Office of Energy and Sustainability is looking to improve the marketing of the recycling program with a new brochure.

Siegel said a brochure about recycling had not been produced in more than five years.

"With all the faculty and staff turn over, there was a concern that the long-standing base of the recycling program was not informed of the recycling availability on campus," he said.

Siegel said the office had a brochure produced by the University Marketing and Communications Department that was printed on recycled paper.

The brochure discusses different items that can be recycled such as paper, cardboard, plastics, aluminum, batteries and electronics.

"We eagerly await to see what impact this may have had," he said.

He also said office is planning collaboration opportunities with the National Residence Hall Honorary, which oversees the recycling program within the residence

halls.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said efforts are being made to increase recycling in the residence halls along with Eastern's overall recycling program.

"We work to keep recycling in people's minds so they know it's a good habit to get into," he said.

Hudson said several lobbies of residence halls now have nicer recycling receptacles compared to the standard big blue bins.

"We've tried to find ways to incorporate the same outcome with a nicer look," he said.

Recycling containers have been added in every room of Lincoln and Douglas halls to encourage recycling, and Hudson said he is looking forward to the outcome of that effort.

"NRHH has done a great job of doing things like putting 'Conserve Energy' stickers on all the light switches in the residence halls too," he said.

NRHH sponsors an ongoing contest to see what hall can recy-

cle the most materials each year and has new efforts that will be visible in the residence halls soon.

Meghan Garby, the sustainability coordinator of NRHH, said they are working on a program that would award \$100 to the hall that recycles the most each month.

"We're also hoping to have a banner that will be displayed in the winning hall each month, and it will travel around," she said. "We're trying to get more publicity out about recycling so people know about this effort."

Jacob Deters, the communication coordinator for NRHH, said NRHH is looking to partner more with the office in sustainability efforts.

"We're getting the foundations ready for integrating more with Eastern's green efforts and looking forward to seeing how it all comes together," he said.

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COMEDY

MTV comedian to perform at Eastern

By Justine Ryan
Staff Reporter

An MTV2 stand-up comic from New York City will perform for a “Guys Night Out” on Thursday at the 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The show begins at 7 p.m.

Andrew Schulz has appeared in MTV2’s show “Guy Code” and “Hip Hop Squares.” Schulz’s comedy is generated from “Guy Code” where he draws from his own perspective of men, women and relationships.

He also played characters in TV shows such as, “The Rewind,” “The Blog Spot,” and “American Depravity.”

Danny Turano, the University Board comedy chairman, said members of last year’s executive board chose the comedian, but he was still excited for performance.

“This guy is more established and is on his way to becoming someone like Dane Cook,” Turano said.

Schulz’s first MTV appearance was in 2011 on MTV’s “New Year’s Eve Bash” with Whitney Cummings and the cast of Jersey Shore.

Schultz also created, wrote, produced and starred in his own web series called “The Apartmentship.”

Schulz’s comedy routine centralizes around gender issues and social politics.

According to his website, the comedian is insensitive to gender differences, and he is known for his edgy, street-smart and unapologetic comedy.

On his blog, Schultz talks about his “brand” of comedy.

He calls it “logical masculinity, a brand of comedy that takes up the male experience from an in-

formed and rational perspective.”

Turano said he believes that Schulz will appeal to girls too.

“We are making it a ‘Guy’s Night’ theme, but it is not just for guys,” Turano said.

Schulz does all of his scheduling through performance agent Joe Eshenbaugh.

“His performance will 100 percent give guys something to laugh about,” Eshenbaugh said. “It’s his career and what he does.”

Schulz actively posts to social media on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Through these outlets, he strives to make his own brand of humor to make people laugh.

He plans to bring his own opening act for “Guys Night Out,” and did not tell the UB members who it will be, Turano said.

Schulz’s routine will last about 45 minutes.

The last comedy performance brought in 20 to 30 audience members on Sept. 6, and Turano said he thinks Schulz will bring in a bigger crowd.

Turano said, at peak, they had 70 to 100 people in attendance during the comedy performance during the first weekend of the semester.

“I am aiming for a high attendance such as 30 to 50 this time,” Turano said.

The event is part the UB’s “LOL Comedy Café” series.

The UB will provide refreshments and popcorn for students, along with giveaways such as Buffalo Wild Wings gift cards and comedy movies.

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DAY OF THE DEAD

Club honors dead by creating edible skulls

By Jennifer Canavan
Staff Reporter

Students will have the opportunity to poke fun or honor people by making their own skeleton puppet in honor of “Día de los Muertos,” Day of the Dead, on Thursday.

Day of the Dead is being celebrated by the Spanish Club in its event “Las Calaveras’: Skeleton Crafts and the Day of the Dead in Mexico.”

“Día de los Muertos” is a Latino celebration where families honor the life of their deceased family members.

In honor of Latino Heritage Month, the Eastern Spanish Club has made it possible for students to participate in the celebration at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Kristin Routt, a professor of Spanish, said Day of the Dead is a Catholic holiday from the pre-Columbian and Mexican religions and is meant to be joyous for both those in Mexico and in certain parts of the United States.

Regina Marchi, a professor of journalism and media studies at Rutgers University, said in her book titled Day of the Dead in the USA, Day of the Dead is mainly in Mexico, but also in other Latin American countries.

On Nov. 1 and 2, those who celebrate the holiday participate in making “calaveras,” or wooden skull masks, Routt said. The masks are decorated in many ways based on the person’s

choice.

At this time in Mexico, market aisles fill up with colorfully dressed skeletons to be used with dances in honor of their relatives.

Routt said during “Las Calaveras’’: Skeleton Crafts and the Day of the Dead in Mexico” students can decorate their own sugar skulls and eat them afterward.

Prior to the fun and interactive craft making, the Spanish Club is going to be talking about the culture of the skeleton crafts in Mexico while helping students create their own.

“Students can choose to make theirs of importance to themselves or in a parody of one they would like to poke fun off,” Routt said.

In prior years, students have also created their art to resemble historical figures, politicians or those of a higher public status.

Another idea many enjoy is the opportunity to tease someone they love with their skeleton puppet, Routt said.

She also said the making of the “calaveras” has been popular in the past.

“It’s a great, fun, easy and interactive way for one to learn about the creative ways of other heritages,” Routt said.

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THEATER



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Rich Jones Jr., a communication studies professor, shakes the hand of Kyle Probst, a senior history major. Jones will play the character Jack Stone and Probst will play the character Jimmy Harper in the Charleston Alley Theatre’s production of “Reefer Madness”.

Actors prepare for ‘Reefer Madness’

By Tim Deters
Features Editor

Down a narrow brick alley along Monroe Avenue and through a heavy metal door, local residents and students are honing their acting skills.

The residents and students are preparing for the Charleston Alley Theatre’s first production of “Reefer Madness.”

The production is a musical satire of a 1936 propaganda film that portrayed the lives of high school students who were negatively affected by marijuana.

Passing through the metal door of the theater, 718 Monroe Ave., visitors might not expect the theater they are greeted by.

No more than 500 square feet, the theater was once a garage workbay for a Firestone tire store. The black garage door still dominates the exterior brick wall.

“This is not Doudna. We have a garage,” said Jeri Hughes, director of “Reefer Madness.” Hughes is also a retired Eastern communications technology specialist.

However, she said the cast members and support crew “play the space” and use the small room for all it is worth.

Standing on the cracked and paint-splattered concrete floor under a low ceiling of wires and lighting equipment, cast members took their positions and awaited the cue from Hughes.

With the word from Hughes, the cast members scuttled along the narrow stage, singing and dancing while being careful not to cross over the blue tape on the floor marking the “toe line,” or end, of the stage.

The sound of an accompanying keyboard enveloped the room, competing with the voices of the cast.

“Go back and do it again,” Hughes often yelled above the mu-

sic as she flipped through her music scorebook, pink tabs noting the acts of the play.

Notes among the bars of music noted the many alterations Hughes had made to characters’ lines and movements.

The cast shuffled across each other’s paths repeatedly to get back into position.

Cast members have been rehearsing for the production since Sept. 4, working between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., if not later, Sunday through Thursday.

“We have had some days when we haven’t left until going on midnight because we had to work them that hard,” Hughes said.

Kyle Probst, a senior history major, will play the main role of Jimmy Harper, a high school student who is lured into using marijuana by Jack Stone, played by Eastern communications studies professor Rich Jones Jr.

Probst said the time commitment required to prepare for the production is large, but he enjoys the experience.

“In the end, I find that it is always worth it, and it is an experience that I will remember for the rest of my life,” he said.

Craig Banyai, an English graduate student, will play the role of The Lecturer in the production. Banyai agreed with Probst.

“You have a responsibility to the entire crew to be there for every rehearsal, and that takes a big bite out of your life,” he said. “It is all worth it, though, if you can make someone laugh.”

Hughes said because of the limited space and acting pool, the production has been altered to fit the theater’s capabilities.

Instead of the production presenting the characters as living out events in real life, the cast will play students who are acting in their own production of “Reefer Madness” at Benjamin Harrison High

School.

Those high school students being portrayed will also have limited space and resources, just like the Charleston Alley Theatre.

“We have created for ourselves the whole idea that our version of Benjamin Harrison High School is in a small town, and they don’t really have an auditorium at their high school,” Hughes said.

Instead, the students will be presenting their production of the musical in an all-purpose room.

“In fact, it’s the auto shop. At the same time, it is also the gymnasium,” Hughes said.

Also, because most of the Charleston Alley Theatre’s cast members are not high-school age, some as old as 72, the high school students being portrayed will enlist the help of faculty to play characters.

Probst said he enjoys practicing the details of the production and seeing the production progress as each rehearsal wraps up.

“I enjoy working out all the fine points of the production, seeing what works and watching as the show slowly comes together,” he said.

Hughes said watching the production and seeing the little details she wrote in the margins of her music scorebook come to life are her favorite parts of any production.

“What’s most rewarding is watching the show and watching all the little things that you did, that you interpreted as what is going to sell this story and the show to the audience,” Hughes said.

The Charleston Alley Theatre’s production of “Reefer Madness” will be 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12, 13, 15, 19, 20 and 22, as well as 2 p.m. Oct. 14 and 21.

General admission tickets cost \$13.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Take part in volunteering; children need help, mentors

Big Brothers Big Sisters is an officially a registered student organization on campus, and students should take advantage of the opportunity to change children's lives.

The goal of the organization is to provide children with strong role models to lead them into better lives complete with positive self-esteem, no desire to partake in drugs and alcohol, and better relationships with their parents.

The Daily Eastern News' editorial board thinks this is a great way for Eastern students to give back to the community in which they spend the majority of the year.

The Mid-Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters covers eight counties and more than 100 children are still on waiting lists for mentors, we reported Monday.

Students should take advantage of this opportunity to help these kids out by giving them the guidance that could lead to the difference between success or failure.

What better time to do so than while in college? After graduation, we'll all — hopefully — have careers and won't have the time to be a big brother or sister.

Mentors are only required to spend four or five hours a week with their child. That same amount of time is easily spent endlessly scrolling through Facebook, so why not take that time to make someone else's life better? Not just better, but maybe even save them from becoming a danger to themselves or others.

Being a big brother or big sister also benefits the mentors.

Responsibility is a trait that is always useful. Being responsible for, and sharing your life with, someone who needs it will help in figuring out what's really important in life.

Being a mentor to a child in need will also put things into perspective. You'll realize that you aren't the most important person in the world.

If none of these points are hitting home, let's focus on education majors, one of the largest majors at Eastern. If you're planning on working with children, what better way to test out the job than by mentoring a child in need of guidance?

Plus, most mentors have a blast with their kids. They play sports, bake cookies and give each other makeovers.

Amid having fun, they also talk about the things going on in their lives, and what they're struggling with.

But the RSO isn't all about becoming a mentor. One of the main goals of the organization is to raise funds for the Mid-Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters. The RSO's officers are already planning fundraisers and have some really great ideas to help kids in need.

One idea is to have "birthday boxes" for children who don't have enough money to bring in treats to school on their birthdays. The boxes will have goodies for the kids to share so their birthdays can be enjoyable.

This organization's goal is to better the lives of children in the area. There is not much more admirable than that and it is well worth your time.

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COLUMN

Group projects are inconvenient, unproductive

There are two words professors say or print in their syllabus that make me cringe more than anything else: group project.

Many professors I've had get so excited about working in groups and I don't understand it. There might be a project I'm really excited about in the class that will be ruined by those two terrible words.

I especially don't understand group papers. I can't tell you how many group papers I've had to write. Writing one paper in a group doesn't make any sense. There's really only one person who writes it and the other three (or how many people are in the group) just agree with everything the writer says.

The problem with group projects are the people in the group. All groups are the same.

One person (let's call him Alex) does all the work, researches a topic, writes the paper or puts together the poster. Ultimately, if the group project is a stand-up-in-front-of-the-class-and-talk-with-a-poster project, Alex ends up being the only one talking (and, worse, has to hold the poster).

One person (let's call him Terry) looks like he's doing a lot of work when the group meets in the library, but if you were on his side of the laptop you'd see he is just on Facebook. Ter-



Alex McNamee

ry, though, is quick to volunteer to go retrieve a book from a shelf or get something out of the printer — anything to avoid the tension in the room.

Another person (let's call her Julie) talks a lot, but nothing of what she says is about the project. She doesn't take a breath and her chatter is distracting. Specifically, she talks about how much she dislikes the professor whose class the group project was assigned.

The last person (let's call him Brian) does nothing. Brian is too busy doing other homework to come to the library to do homework. On the slight chance he comes to the library, he only hovers around the group table, looking at books on shelves or CDs in stacks. Brian goes to the bathroom a lot.

If you're the person who does all the work,

you know exactly what I'm talking about. You always end up with Terry, Julie and Brian in your group, and you hate it.

If you're reading this and have no idea what I'm jabbering on about, you're probably Brian.

I understand the professors who say, "You're going to have to work in groups in the real world." I respect that, but if you can't first learn to work by yourself then you're never going to be a contributing member of a group — in college or the real world.

Personally, it's not natural for me to work in groups. I work best when I'm alone. I wrote this column alone, I write my sports stories alone and I study for tests alone. I prefer projects that I can totally control without having to worry about Terry, Julie or Brian.

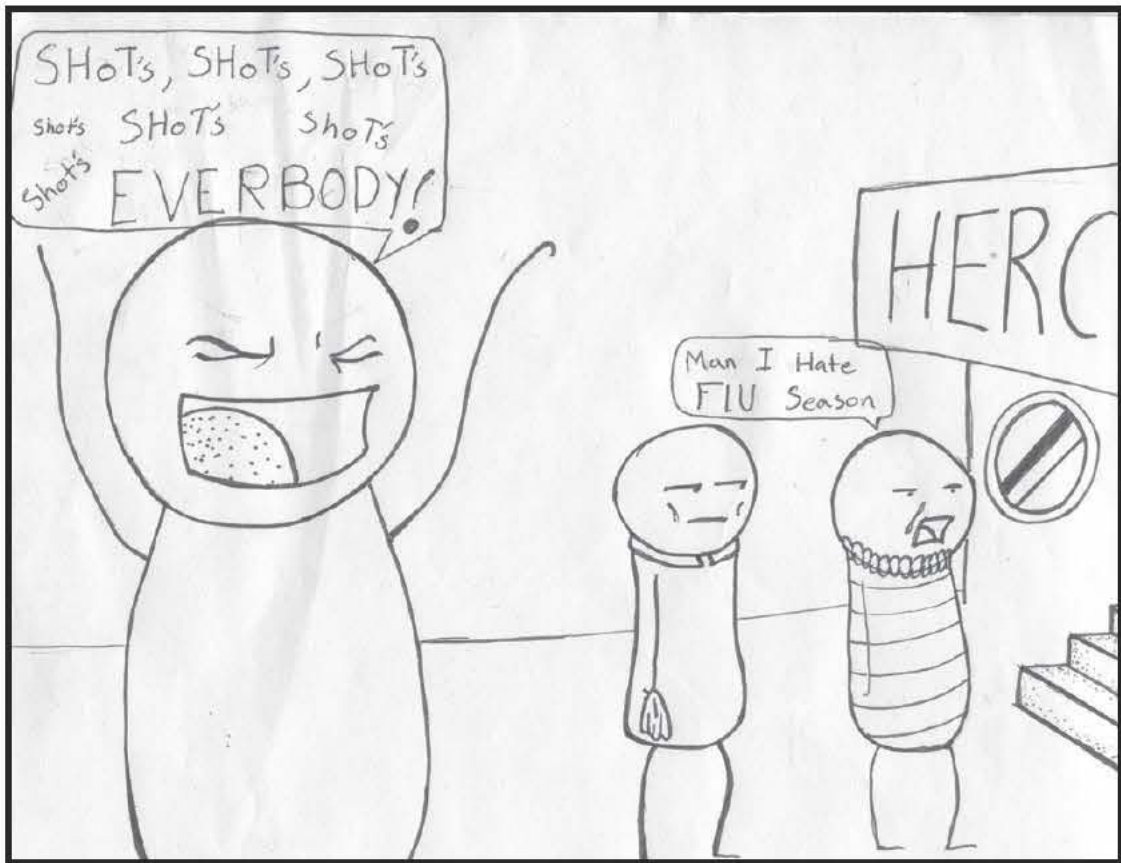
Last year, I had a group project that lasted the whole semester. It was torture. I was attached to three other people for about five months and two never came to class.

This year, I haven't had any group projects and I'm flush with excitement.

Knock on wood.

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FROM THE EASEL



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COLUMN

Keep your priorities straight for family weekend

Family weekend is vastly approaching us and we all know what that means, time to clean up our rooms and houses. Parents, grandparents, and other family members will be seeing your new home for possibly the first time and you need to make sure you clean up the Easy-Mac containers and dirty clothes off the floor. After you show your house off, your parents and family members are going to ask "what next?" and you need to have the right answer.

The first thing you can do is to offer a grand tour of the campus. I know that my family loves to walk around Eastern and see all the different buildings. This is your chance to show off your knowledge of our school. Take them to the usual places such as the Doudna Fine Arts Center or Old Main and make sure you stop by the bookstore to check out the cool Eastern gear there.

When you're walking around campus make sure to point out what buildings your classes are in. This way you are including them in your daily life as a college student, and that makes them feel connected to you and proud of what you're doing.

The second thing you can do is go to the foot-



Jackie Capps

ball game on Saturday. Attending a football game seems to always be the last thing on most peoples' list, but they are actually fun. Bringing your family to the football game will be a nice way to show off some school spirit and a way to bond with your parents. Chatting during timeouts and cheering together can really be a way to reconnect with family, especially if this is your first year here. If football isn't your thing, try tailgating. Bring a grill, drinks, bags, and pray for nice weather. Tailgating can be a fun way to relax and kick back with your family.

If your parents or family are willing to make the trip to Wal-Mart and help you out with groceries, this is one of the most important things

you can do on family weekend. The infamous Wal-Mart trips here in Charleston seem to be the highlight of the week. It seems when you know your family is visiting you try to wait until the last minute to buy anything. My family is visiting this weekend and I am running low on everything, but I will eat chips for breakfast before I go buy cereal and milk. Hey, I'm a broke college kid and if my family offers to take me to Wal-Mart I say absolutely yes. If you're headed to Wal-Mart be sure to make your list and cut your coupons before heading out.

Family weekend consists of many emotions. Some may be good, others embarrassing, and other emotions you may not remember because of the bar crawl you went on with your parents. Having your family visit you is always fun. Sometimes people dread it, but if you make an agenda and look at the events going on, it can be an awesome weekend.

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CAA cancels third meeting

Staff Report

The Council on Academic Affairs has canceled their third meeting in a row for the Fall 2012 semester.

The group has not had a meeting since Sept. 6.

In a Sept. 11 article in *The Daily Eastern News*, the group said they did not meet because of a lack of agenda items.

However on those dates, Sept. 13 and 20, the council's learning goals subcommittees met.

The subcommittees are geared to address the importance of writing across the curriculum, general-education segment definitions, study abroad senior seminars and integrative learning.

The subcommittees will not meet on Thursday.

The council's next meeting is scheduled at 3 p.m. on Oct. 4 in Room 4440 of Booth Library, and the group's subcommittees will meet at 2 p.m. in the same room.

At this time, the university's Committee for Assessment of Student Learning will present to the council.

The council will resume regular business at its Oct. 11 meeting.

UNIVERSITY BOARD

Open mic night brings out students, talent

By Rebecca Ayers
Staff Reporter

Two performers were featured at the 7th Street Underground Wednesday at the University Board's Main Stage at open mic night.

Two days a month, the UB Main Stage hosts an open mic night where students are able to showcase their talents.

Tito Quinones, a junior communication studies major and one of the performers, said people sing, hum, read poetry and more.

Students showcased their talents through comedy, instruments like a guitar and vocal prowess.

Quinones, a three-time performer, and Harrison Rollings, first-time performer and sophomore psychology major, were the only performers to an audience of 12.

There are 12 to 15 performers and an audience of about 40 on a good night, Quinones said.

Quinones warmed up the crowd, his stand-up material primarily on what he observes around campus.

"Don't talk, this is my show," he screamed at three of the audience members who were whispering during his time on stage.

His comedy routine was received by bouts of laughter from the audience.

The following act was much different.

A former band member, Rollings played the guitar and sang self-written songs.

The songs he wrote, "Pounds," and "The Long Running Joke" both had the audience's attention.

Rollings said he was not aware of the '80s theme coming into the event.

"The songs really don't have an '80s feel, but here we go," he said, introducing himself before singing and playing.

"I'm sorry there weren't more performers tonight," Rollings said as he exited the stage.

Despite the lack of the performers, two audience members—Alex Dodge, a freshman early childhood education major, and Allison Blalock, a freshman art major.

He said they plan on returning and that the performances were enjoyable.

"It would have been better if there was a better turnout, but I wasn't expecting to win 25 Wal-Mart dollars," said Dodge, who won a gift card because she won the audience's approval of dressing to the event's '80s theme.

Dodge and Blalock both found out about the event through flyers in their residence hall.

Esraa Obeah, the UB Main Stage coordinator and a junior art major, said produces these events and tries to get the word out through flyers and street events.

"This audience is not what we expected," she said. "Last year we had audiences of up to two-hundred."

Despite the low turnout, Quinones said he was satisfied with how his performance came out.

"I was really excited that people came out to support their peers in their hobbies and talents; the atmosphere was really family like," he said.

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Sophomore psychology major Harrison Rollings performs his song "Pounds" during the University Board's open mic night Wednesday at the 7th Street Underground in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Rollings has been playing guitar for 10 years.

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VOLLEYBALL



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The Panthers scream together after a volley during the game against University of Tennessee-Martin Saturday. The Panthers play Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Panthers look to get to winning ways

By Anthony Catezone
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern volleyball team sits at 3-12 overall and 0-3 in conference play, with four days to rebound against Ohio Valley Conference foe Tennessee Tech at noon Sunday in Nashville.

The Tigers (2-13), and also 0-3 in conference play, are the only team in the OVC with a worse record than Eastern.

A straight set loss to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville (21-25, 16-25, 19-25) is the Panthers most recent contest, coming on Sept. 25, in Edwardsville.

Despite being hungry for a win, freshman setter Abby Saalfrank said the team didn't do enough to end their seven-game losing streak. The loss also marks the Panthers falling in 11 of their last 12 matches.

Around the OVC

Southeast Missouri, Jacksonville State and Morehead State are the only remaining undefeated teams in conference play, and the only three squads with winning records overall.

Southeast Missouri (11-6) finds itself on a five-match win streak and 3-0 in the OVC defeating Eastern, South-

ern Illinois-Edwardsville and Tennessee-Martin.

Jacksonville State (9-8) has found a way to win again, after losing five straight matches. Conference wins over Austin Peay, Murray State and Tennessee Tech has kept the Gamecocks unbeaten in the OVC, as well.

The Gamecocks and the Redhawks will face off at 7 p.m. on Sept. 29 in Jacksonville.

Last season's conference champions, Morehead State (10-6), continues on the winning path as the Eagles have won eight straight, after starting the year off 0-5. Belmont and Tennessee

State are the Eagles' only OVC opponents so far, both have come as straight set victories for Morehead State.

Morehead State's Elli Roberson, a senior right-side hitter, was named OVC Player of the Week on offense. She recorded a team-high .491 with 32 kills and just five errors on 55 total attempts this week. She opened with 18 kills against Belmont while hitting .361. She then had a near-perfect match against Tennessee State with 14 kills and didn't commit a single error. Roberson also had a career-best .737 hitting percentage.

Defensively, senior libero Britani

Hathorn from Tennessee State received player of the week honors. She notched a career-high 38 digs in the win over Eastern Kentucky. For the week, Hathorn averaged 6.43 digs per set.

Caitlin Clark, a senior from Morehead State, won player of the week honors among setters. Clark led the Eagles to their two best matches on the year as they hit .357 in wins over Belmont and Tennessee Tech. She added 73 assists through the two matches.

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COLUMN Rugby shows young talent

A season removed from a year dominated by upperclassmen, women's rugby sports a new class of young athletes.

With Lauren Doyle, Stefanie Mahan and Narissa Ramirez leading the Panthers to an undefeated 2011 season, it was odd not seeing them on the pitch for the first two matches. Doyle, a senior center, elected to redshirt the 2012 season and Mahan missed the first two games with an injury. Coupled with Ramirez ending her Eastern career, the rugby squad needed the younger players to step up.

Starting with the first match of the season, sophomore center Nia Williams rose to the occasion. Leading the team in tries (3) and points (15), she is the head of the program's youth movement. She provides the ball-handling skills and finesse moves to weave through defenders, while also possessing the strength to run them over. Williams will most likely be the foundation of the Panther offense until the end of her senior season.

Not to be outdone, sophomore scrum-half Carissa Burge also answered the



Nicholas Ruffolo

call. Despite opposing defenses holding her without a try, Burge leads the team in tackles (16) and is second in points (6). Her immaculate work ethic and leadership skills have aided in her rise as one of the team leaders and potentially a defensive leader after Mahan graduates. Burge handles the kicking duties and is 3-for-6 on the year for two-point conversions.

Angelica Cerceo-Jensen also is turning some heads in her first season as a Panther. The junior prop scored her first try in the match against the Wisconsin All-Stars and she is second only to Nia Williams in runs over 20 yards with three. Cerceo-Jensen's knack for breaking tackles helps her to tear off big gains on the pitch and put points on the board.

Eastern head coach Frank Graziano has not hesitated to play his young talent, and that showed in the match against the Wisconsin All-Stars. With the exception of Cerceo-Jensen, no upperclassmen played in the contest. This is partly because of injuries to Mahan and senior prop Alissa Patient, but Graziano appears to have faith in the new squad, nonetheless. He might as well, considering Mahan and possibly Doyle may never don the Eastern blue again.

Regardless of the lack of success early in the season, the women's rugby team is still in good shape. With Williams and Burge only sophomores, they still have plenty of time to shine in the program. Not to mention a switch back to rugby fifteens can only help the team to rebound from recent struggles.

Eastern resumes play on Oct. 4 as a new era of Panther rugby continues to take shape against Lindenwood.

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Kim, who recorded a 1-2 record at No. 2 Flights in the same event said she is looking forward to seeing her new teammates compete during the season.

"We may have lost three seniors, but our new freshmen are intense competitors," she said.

Laird also said the team has a lot of potential and is excited to see how the team will perform this year.

She added that it is important for the new players to feel comfortable when playing.

"If they are having fun competing then they will be relaxed, and this will help them

play their best tennis," Laird said.

The upcoming dual match will start at 1 p.m. in Evansville, Ind.

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Despite a good showing from the football team in the early goings of the season, they have not had a large group of student's supporting them at O'Brien Field.

"The perfect example is the Coles County Clash where Charleston High School played Mattoon High School at O'Brien Field," Orlando said. "It was the first time they have played in 25 years, and it was the first time they played at O'Brien Field."

The Coles County Clash drew a sizable crowd despite a two-hour rain delay that kept the game from starting till 9:45 p.m.

"It was a great pregame atmosphere, and the buzz was

phenomenal," Orlando said.

The electric pregame atmosphere is what the athletic marketing and promotions department is trying to bring to Eastern.

"We didn't have a crowd like that for our home opener where we introduced a new coach.

Game two, the other day against Murray State, what a heck of a game that was. You had a 50-point slobber-knocker where our coach went for a two-point conversion in overtime.

What a finish that was, and most of our students missed that."

An energized fan base makes the game day experience more

enjoyable and can also increase the performance of Eastern's student athlete's.

"The day we get to the point where people are coming here and teaching here and working here are 100 percent EIU, that's when we are getting to the point where we want to be at," Orlando said.

"Right now, we are in murky waters. We need to create an environment where our student-athlete's and coaches can excel and feel they have a true home court advantage. Our coaches and athletes deserve that, and they need that."

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TENNIS

Top player to miss matches

By Aldo Soto
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's tennis team will play at Southern Indiana without its top-performing junior on Sunday. Janelle Prisner, still rehabbing from a wrist surgery performed earlier this year, will not compete in this weekend's competition.

Prisner said she had wrist surgery two weeks prior to the start of summer. The junior said she had the surgery due to the wear and tear of playing tennis. The returning junior will be missed Sunday as she sported a singles record of 12-7 a year ago.

Prisner along with returning senior Merritt Whitley also had a dominant stretch last season in doubles play as the duo won nine consecutive matches starting in March and ending in April. Prisner said she began hitting again this week.

"I started hitting on Monday, but it was just an evaluation," she said. "There is no set date for my return. It all depends on how my body responds." The junior said she will be ready for the spring season. The Eastern women are coming off a solid showing at the SIUE Fall Invitational where Coach John Blackburn said he was pleased with the overall performance. Eastern's opponent, Southern Indiana, played a week ago and did not fare well at the ITA Midwest Regional. The Screaming Eagles ended the tournament with a disappointing 2-9 record.

Junior Jennifer Kim said the team is prepared for the match on Sunday.

"We plan on staying both mentally and physically tough in every point against Southern Indiana," Kim said.

"Our team was more aggressive at the invitational than we have been in the past and we plan to step it up even more against Southern Indiana," Blackburn said.

He also said he is looking for the team captains to show leadership throughout the year.

The team has five returning players including two seniors and a junior that serve as the captains. Senior Kristen Laird, is one of the captains and said she along with fellow senior Merritt Whitley and junior Janelle Prisner know the importance of being leaders on the team.

"I try to keep the girls positive at every practice and work on things that will help us improve after every match," Laird said. The team also welcomes three freshmen to the squad.

"I'm excited about the prospects this year," Blackburn said. "We have a very deep team, so I think everyone will push each other each day in practice to get better."

The three new players, Alex Curtis, Ali Foster, and Hannah Kimbrough all recorded singles victories in their respective flights at the SIUE tournament.

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CROSS COUNTRY



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Pablo Ramirez, a red-shirt junior, runs along the Panther Trail during the Walt Crawford Open on Friday, Sept. 7. Ramirez came in 7th overall with a time of 25:49.36 at the Walt Crawford Open and finished in 15th place with a time of 24:54.00 at the Illinois Intercollegiate meet hosted by Illinois State on Friday, Sept. 14.

Panthers set for Louisville Classic

By Holden Fuehne
Staff Reporter

Eastern's cross country team is off to a quick start this season and will look to build off its early success at the Louisville Cross Country Classic.

Coach Erin Howarth believes the team has shown a lot of improvement over the last two weeks since the Illinois Intercollegiate.

"Both teams are looking to learn from the mistakes made in the first two races and put it all together," she said.

The men's side looks ready to take another step at the meet. Sophomore

Bryce Basting looks ready to lead the team into the race after winning OVC Runner of the Week, posting a time of 24:44

at the Illinois Intercollegiate.

Juniors Danny Delaney and Pablo Ramirez also have performed this season.

Ramirez won the OVC Runner of the Week for his performance at the Walt Crawford Invitational.

However, the key to the meet for the men may be their health. Red-shirt freshman Joe Calio and red-shirt junior Mike Hesslau are ready to return to action after going through some tough injuries.

"They didn't race at the Intercollegiate, and they were sorely missed," Howarth said.

The women's side is also off to a quick start this season, finishing in second place at the Walt Crawford Open and seventh at the Illinois Intercollegiate.

Red-shirt senior Olivia Klaus and senior Britney Whitehead will look to continue leading the team at Louisville this weekend. Klaus finished fourth at the Walt Crawford Open and 21st at the Intercollegiate.

Whitehead finished fifth at the Walt Crawford Open and 23rd at the Intercollegiate.

Senior Elizabeth Dole and red-shirt junior Paige Biehler will look to build off their finishes at the Intercollegiate, as well.

Dole finished with a time of 19:01 while Biehler hit the finish line right after her with a time of 19:03.

Freshmen Amy Yeoman and Quincy Knolhoff and seniors Erika Ramos and Stephanie Peisker round out the top runners.

Both teams are capable of finishing at the top of the leader board when healthy, but injury problems could limit the Panthers production.

"We still need to tighten up our 1-5 and be the strongest team out there," Howarth said. "That means that we can pass a lot of runners from 3-4k in the women's race and 6-

7k in the men's race. If the team fixes this, they have a strong chance of winning the meet."

The Panthers will compete at the Louisville Cross Country Classic on September 29.

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SPORTING EVENTS

Eastern seeking increased fan support

By Jordan Pottorff
Sports Editor

The new era of Eastern athletics has sparked energy around campus, but the university is still seeking more fan support from the student body.

Eastern's athletic marketing and promotions department has held a number of events and promotions to enhance the game day experience at Eastern athletic events, but the student support is still largely absent.

The athletic marketing and promotions department introduced a student tailgate section for home football games beginning this season, and have given students opportunities to attend a pair of road games by providing travel at a reasonable cost.

Despite these efforts, they have failed to get the fan support they expected.

pected.

Anthony Orlando, director of athletic marketing and promotions, stressed the importance of having students support Panther athletics.

"It's just a culture we have to change," Orlando said. "We have to get students to believe this is a relevant athletic program that competes at the highest level of college athletics. If you came here, make the best of it, and get behind (Eastern) athletics. If the students could develop that mentality we would all enjoy our athletic events more."

The athletic marketing and promotions department is attempting to create an atmosphere at Eastern that can rival the student pride seen at schools like Illinois and rival FCS programs.

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Eastern fans cheer on the Panthers during the game against Illinois State on Sept. 15.